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WASHINGTON, June 14, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 9 totaled an estimated 18.9 billion ton-miles, 16.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 408.2 billion ton-miles, 16.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 9 totaled 418,568, up 12.8 percent from last year, 12.4 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 17.9 percent in the East, 8.4 percent in the South and 12.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 15 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 25,544 cars (24.5 percent), and grain showed a gain of 2,567 cars (11.9 percent). Twenty of the 21 groups increased from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended June 2 totaled 43,356 cars, up 10.2 percent from the corresponding holiday week of 1983, and 77,582 trailers and/or containers, 15.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 1,105,466 cars, 18.0 percent higher than last year, and 1,911,956 trailers and/or containers, up 18.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/9/84:

	Loadings in Week ended June 9, 1984		Change from Corresponding Week 1983			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,078	I	2,567	11.9	I	2,770	11.5
Other farm products	3,985	D	832	17.3	I	147	3.7
Metallic ores	21,997	I	172	0.8	I	2,980	13.5
Coal	129,610	I	25,544	24.5	I	14,917	11.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,041	I	1,514	13.1	I	2,458	18.8
Nonmetallic minerals	12,467	I	1,596	14.7	I	1,052	8.4
Grain mill products	10,702	D	1,178	9.9	I	1,280	12.0
Food and kindred products	10,971	D	78	0.7	I	1,573	14.3
Primary forest products	14,347	I	3	0.0	I	1,343	9.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,371	D	431	5.5	I	774	10.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,335	I	521	3.5	I	598	3.9
Chemicals and allied products	23,769	I	1,388	6.2	I	1,652	7.0
Petroleum products	4,768	I	43	0.9	I	576	12.1
Stone, clay and glass products	11,660	I	428	3.8	I	1,227	10.5
Coke	5,954	I	517	9.5	I	152	2.6
Metals and products	9,510	I	1,551	19.5	D	1,110	11.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,493	I	1,386	7.3	I	3,137	15.3
Waste and scrap materials	9,884	I	1,476	17.6	I	1,089	11.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,427	D	791	9.6	I	1,459	19.6
All other carloads	60,980	I	12,199	25.0	I	8,195	13.4
LCL traffic	219	D	65	22.9	I	19	8.7
Total Cars Loaded	418,568	I	47,530	12.8	I	46,288	12.4
Corresponding week of 1983	371,038						

	1984	1983	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	9,068,173	8,054,190	I 12.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
22 weeks ended June 2	389.3	335.1	I 16.2
Week ended June 9	18.9	16.2	I 16.8
23 weeks cumulative	408.2	351.2	I 16.2

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